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Are all cheap stocks Value Traps?

What makes a Value Trap?

A value trap is a stock or investment that looks **UNDERVALUED** but <u>actually is NOT.</u>



Homebuilders and Financials Pre-Financial Crisis: (Macro Bubble)



Eastman Kodak: (Secular Risk)

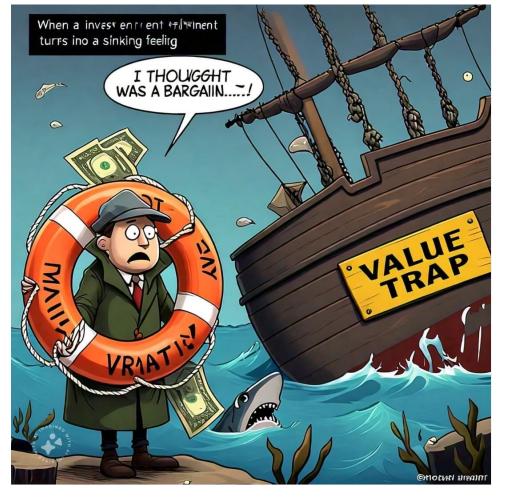


Value Traps Al Style

Google's Gemini



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The Power of Returning Capital to Shareholders

"Value is just not a consideration for most investment money that's out there....the value industry has gotten completely annihilated...That's a change in the market and its a structure that means almost the best way to get your stock to go up is to start by being overvalued. There's nobody who is going to pay attention to notice the earnings were 15% better ... if nobody notices, nobody's there, nobody's going to buy, nobody's going to care. So, you're literally counting on the companies to make that happen."

- David Einhorn, Greenlight Capital



How much is a stock with these attributes worth?

- Competitively advantaged
- ✓ Market share leader
- ✓ Growing revenues at 33% in 2023 & ~16% in 2024
- ✓ ~20% EBITDA margins
- ✓ Low capital requirements
- ✓ Strong return on invested capital
- ✓ Abundant free cash flow
- √ 14% net share shrinkage since 3Q22





It's a **Travel Business**. What would you pay?



13% Revenue Growth 36% EBITDA Margin



17.1x EV / EBITDA

8% Revenue Growth 34% EBITDA Margin



13.1x EV / EBITDA

18% Revenue Growth 42% EBITDA Margin



6.6x EV / EBITDA

4% Revenue Growth 18% EBITDA Margin



14.6x EV / EBITDA

11% Revenue Growth 33% EBITDA Margin



Expedia Partner Solutions (B2B)

If that's the Right Valuation...

The Implied Valuation for the B2C Business is...





-0.1x EV/EBITDA
Effectively Worthless





1.6x EV/EBITDA

~\$3.4B EV





3.1x EV/EBITDA

~\$6.5B EV





5.6x EV/EBITDA

~\$11.5B EV





2.6x EV/EBITDA

~\$5.3B EV

#1 Market Position

\$3.4B 2023 B2B Revenue

\$663M 2023 EBITDA

4% Forward 3-YR Revenue CAGR

20% ²⁰²³ EBITDA Margin

What's the Right Multiple?

B2C Comp Group							
Security	Price	Enterprise Value	Forward 3-YR Revenue CAGR	2024 EV/EBITDA	2024 EBITDA Margin		
Trip Advisor Inc	\$18.09	\$2,252	6.9%	6.6x	18%		
Yelp Inc	\$36.13	\$2,094	6.8%	6.5x	22%		
Match Group Inc	\$30.54	\$11,037	6.6%	8.6x	36%		
Ziff Davis Inc	\$54.69	\$2,773	4.9%	5.5x	35%		
Groupon Inc	\$15.28	\$674	4.0%	6.5x	20%		
Vimeo Inc	\$3.91	\$370	1.8%	10.6x	9%		
An gi In c	\$2.01	\$1,145	-0.1%	8.2x	12%		
Average		\$2,906	4.4%	7.5x	22%		
Median		\$2,094	4.9%	6.6x	20%		
Expedia B2C Business			5.3%	777	20%		





Price	\$124.07	52-Week High	\$159.47
Mkt Cap	\$17.2B	52-Week Low	\$93.08
EV	\$16.7B	All-Time High	\$213.80
2024 P/E	14.5x	2024 EV/EBITDA	5.8x

B2B Partners Examples



B2C Brands









AMERICAN EXPRESS

Where we stand today

	B2B +	B2C =	lotal	CAGR
2024 Revenue	\$3.9B	\$9.4B	\$13.3B	7.1%
YoY	16%	3%	7%	
2024 EBITDA	\$776 M	\$2.1B	\$2.9B	8.9%
EBITDA Margin	20%	22%	21%	
2024 Net Incor	\$1.2B	13.8%		
Earnings Per Sha	\$8.55	17.2%		
2024 Free Cash	\$2.3B	10.4%		
FCF Per Share	\$16.80	11.0%		
2024 ROIC			24%	ANTHE STOPP

5-Year



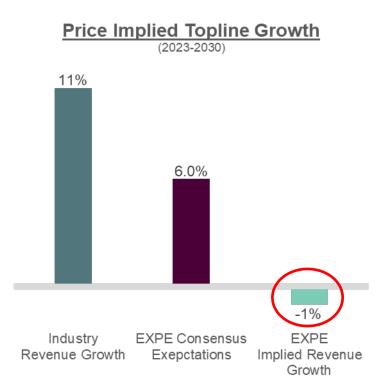
Capital Allocation:

- Master Capital Allocation Team led by **Barry Diller**
- Mid-Teens Net Share Reduction since 2022.

Strong and Improving Fundamentals



With Low Market **Implied Expectations**



With Leading Al **Capabilities**

"At Expedia Group, we embrace the transformative power of AI to create personalized travel experiences," said Ariane Gorin, CEO of Expedia Group. "Our longstanding investments in this space enable us to capitalize on the breathtaking pace of Al innovation..."

In the Top

Trends

for Non-Tech/Media Firms

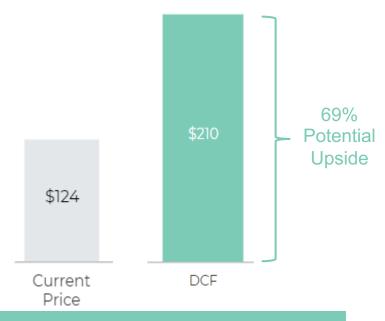
Attractive Value Proposition

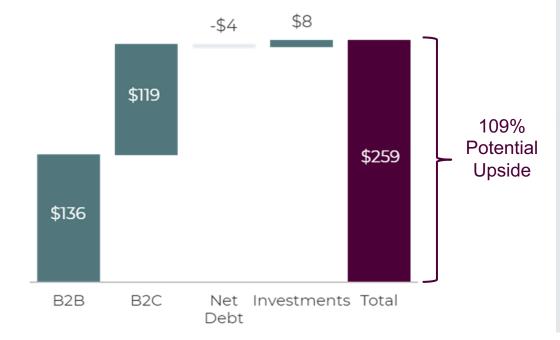
Potential EPS CAGR from share buybacks alone! Assuming Flat Net Income

DCF Valuation

SOTP Valuation







Annualized

45%

2-yr Annual Return



10%

Annual Net Share Shrinkage



55%

Annual Return

Key Assumptions:

- 6% Rev Growth vs Industry Growth of 11%
- Flat Margins



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